

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State youths who admirably demonstrate their true potential as lifelong learners, involved citizens, and future societal leaders through the excellence of their achievements as students; and

Whereas, Alex Heeb of rural Chaffee, Missouri, is a junior homeschooled student who placed First in the senior division of the Southeast Missouri Regional Science Fair, which took place on March 6, 2008; and

Whereas, the son of Dan and Brenda Heeb, Alex Heeb entered an exhibit documenting his research on the "Impacts of Burning Agricultural Crop Stubble"; and

Whereas, Alex Heeb demonstrated that burning crop waste increases the amount of fine particulate matter in the air, which in turn leads to significantly more emergency room visits for respiratory ailments at the three area hospitals; and

Whereas, Alex Heeb's investigation revealed that the burning of field stubble can result in as much as 114 times the amount of particulate matter than allowed by EPA air quality standards; and

Whereas, in addition to taking the top award in the senior division, Alex Heeb received First Place in the Senior Environmental Science Division, the Montgomery Bank Award, a United States Air Force Award for Scientific Excellence, the United States Navy/Marine Corps Award, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Award; and

Whereas, Alex Heeb and his "Impacts of Burning Agricultural Crop Stubble" exhibit will proceed to the 59th Intel International Science and Engineering Fair that will take place in Atlanta, Georgia, in May 2008:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the personal and academic accomplishments garnered thus far in the life of Alex Heeb and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations upon taking First Place in the senior division of the Southeast Missouri Regional Science Fair and our sincerest best wishes as he continues in the competition at the national level; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Alex Heeb of rural Chaffee, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Ellen Brandom
District No. 160

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. ____, adopted ____, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker